

REMARKS

1. In the above-captioned Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 8, 10, 16, 19, and 26. The Examiner objected to the drawings. The Examiner objected to claims 1-28 for informalities. Claims 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of Highlen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,570,910). Claims 1-7, 9, 11-15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 27, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of Morisson (U.S. Patent No. 5,934,709). Claims 1-4, 7, 11, 14, 15, 17, and 20, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of Watanabe (U.S. Patent No. 6,668,655). Claims 25 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) given Highlen in view of Karl et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,553,895). Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) given Morisson in view of Highlen. These rejections and objections are traversed and reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested.

2. The telephone discussion with the Examiner on October 25, 2005 is appreciated.

3. The Examiner objected to the drawings stating that FIG. 2 should include reference numerals 111 and 113 pursuant to paragraph [0016] of the specification. Paragraph [0016] is amended above.

4. Claims 1-28 were objected to for informalities.

With respect to claim 1, lines 4-6 and claim 11, line 9, claims 1 and 11 are amended above to include the word "while" as appropriate.

With respect to claim 9, line 2 and claim 18, line 2, claims 9 and 18 are amended above.

With respect to claim 1, lines 11-12, the Examiner states that the phrase "operably engages" is awkward and confusing. The Examiner states that such language implies that the flange is disparate from the actuator and the ring. The claim language as set forth provides for implementations, for example, in which the flange operates through another device between the flange and the actuator and/or the ring as well as implementations in which the flange directly touches and/or is connected to the actuator and/or the ring. Thus, the phrase "operably engaging," as set forth in claim 1 is clear. As stated in the specification:

The present invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from its spirit or essential characteristics. The described embodiments are to be considered in all respects only as illustrative and not restrictive. The scope of the